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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICEIN RE APPLICATION OF : *Pre Amendmt 1A*

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SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION :
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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING :
SUBUNIT PEPTIDE ORIGINATING
FROM OLIGOMERIC PROTEIN*Pre Amendmt 1A*
4-12-02PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 8, beginning at line 22, please delete the paragraph and replace it with the following paragraph:

(11) A subunit peptide originating from an oligomeric protein having disulfide bonds within a subunit and between subunits, wherein

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polyoxyalkyl polyether is bonded to a cysteine residue that is originally involved in formation of a disulfide bond between subunits of the oligomeric protein, among cysteine residues in the subunit peptide, and the subunit peptide has decreased antigenicity.